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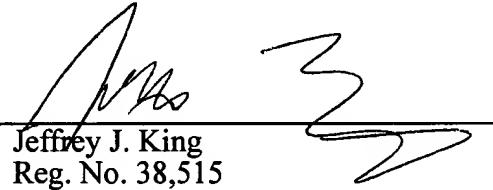
With entry of this amendment claims 1-94 and 96-143 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 12, 15, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 37, 39, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 78, 80, 88, 89, 90, 98, 99, 102, 105, 109, 111, 112, 113, 115, 117, 125, 127, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 141, 143 have been amended for clarity and to more distinctly set forth aspects of the invention in accordance with the imposed species requirement, the response to which is filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference. All of the amendments herein are fully supported by the specification, and no new matter has been added to the application. Entry of these amendments, contingent upon maintenance of the species election requirement, is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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